

To: Seniors and Senior Parents

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It's about time! I know many of you have had questions about times and dates, so read the following information carefully:

Directions for Care of Cap and Gown

Seniors will pick up their Cap & Gown Wednesday, April 17th from 11:05 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the auditorium during your lunch. PLC Students will pick up their cap and gown at the PLC front office at 1:30 p.m. on the same day.

Once you receive your gown, hang it up on a hanger which will free the gown from most wrinkles. If wrinkles persist, hang the gown in a steam-filled bathroom for a few minutes. If you feel that you must iron the gown, use only a cool setting. Remember, keeping up with the cap and gown is YOUR responsibility. Also note that you wear your cap and gown for baccalaureate as well as graduation.

Baccalaureate

Baccalaureate is scheduled for Sunday, May 19th, at First Baptist Church at 100 East 4th Avenue in downtown Rome. The service will begin at 3:00 p.m. You are not required to attend, but if you do attend you will wear full graduation attire. Plan to arrive at the church at 2:30 p.m.

Senior Finals

Senior finals will be held Wednesday, May 15th (4th, 5th, 6th and 7th period exams) and Thursday, May 16th (1st, 2nd and 3rd periods), during regularly scheduled classes. We will not run an alternative schedule those days. If you are exempt from all of your exams, your last day of school is May 14th. **YOU MUST BE PASSING ALL OF YOUR CLASSES AND COMPLETE ANY CREDIT RECOVERY OR OTHER COMPUTER ASSIGNMENTS BY THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY ON MAY 17TH TO BE ELIGIBLE TO WALK AT GRADUATION.**

Senior Honors Day

Senior Honors Day is scheduled for Friday, May 17th in the Gym. The service will begin at 9:00 a.m. Those involved in the program will receive an invitation the first week of May. If you have already been notified that you are an Honor Graduate, you are **REQUIRED** to attend Honors Day. You will need to wear dress clothes (Sunday Best). We will have a brief meeting of those involved in Honors Day on Monday, May 13 at 2:00 p.m. in the Gym.

Graduation Robes and Dress

You will be required to wear your cap and gown for baccalaureate and graduation. Appropriate dress for young men is a dress shirt and tie, dress pants, dark dress shoes, and dark socks. **NO** tennis shoes! Young women should wear dresses and dark dressy shoes (dressy sandals are acceptable). We are highly discouraging skinny heels since our service will be at Barron Stadium and heels would sink in the turf. Flats or low wedges are recommended. A white dress is **NOT** required. Tassels are placed on the right, and the mortarboards are flat. Your gown is a rental and should **NOT** be altered. Decorating your cap is **NOT** allowed. If a student comes with a decorated cap to graduation, they will not be allowed to walk.

Senior Fees

The \$60 that you paid for your cap and gown covered the cost of the cap and gown, diploma, diploma cover, printing costs for the programs, decorations, and other miscellaneous expenses that are incurred with graduation. Since we make the list for the marching order and the presentation of diplomas from the receipts of those who bought their cap and gown, you will need to see Mrs. Smith (G-4) or Ms. Toombs (in guidance) if you have not purchased a cap and gown yet. There are still a few seniors who have not ordered caps and gowns! **ALL OTHER SENIOR DEBTS MUST BE CLEARED BY MAY 1ST IN ORDER TO WALK AT GRADUATION.**

Senior Picnic

The PTO is sponsoring a lunch and party for RHS seniors only, at Barron Stadium at 12:15 p.m. (immediately following graduation practice) on Wednesday, May 22. This bash takes place after graduation practice, which is at 8:30 a.m. that day. If any parent would like to help or make donations, contact Toni Blanchard at 706-346-3921.

Graduation Practice

THERE IS NO SCHOOL FOR SENIORS ON MONDAY – FRIDAY, MAY 20th - 24th. YOU WILL TAKE YOUR EXAMS EARLY (ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, MAY 15th – 16th). At graduation exercises, we march onto the field at Barron Stadium in two lines at a time and the calling of your name must correspond to the name on your diploma; therefore, you must be at graduation practice on **Tuesday, May 21st at 8:30 a.m. AND Wednesday, May 22nd at 8:30 a.m.** There can be no exceptions. Arrange your work schedule and other plans so that this time is free. Practice will last approximately 4 hours and you must be present the entire time. If you leave or do not show up at all, your diploma will be pulled, and your name will not be called at graduation. Concessions will be available at the Courtyard by Marriott for purchase. **YOU MUST BRING YOUR SCHOOL ID TO PRACTICE!**

Graduation

Graduation will take place at Saturday morning, May 25, 2019 with the Processional starting at 8:45 a.m.. You must be at Courtyard Marriott across from Barron Stadium at 8:00 a.m. It is important that you dress appropriately. We sent home several students last year who were not dressed appropriately and/or who did not attend practice. Please do not embarrass your family and friends by not following rules. Concessions will be available at the Courtyard by Marriott for purchase.

If weather permits, we will be at Barron Stadium and each student can invite as many family members and friends as they desire. However, if it rains our back up plan is to have graduation at 7:00 p.m. Saturday evening. If it rains all day Saturday, but is clear Sunday, we will have it at Barron Stadium on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Only if it rains all weekend and Barron Stadium is not an option, we will have the service at the Forum on Sunday.

We are proud of every one of you and the hard work and effort that has been shown throughout the last four years! Congratulations and best wishes for the future!

Senior Walk

This is an optional walk through the elementary schools. If you choose to participate, you will wear your cap and gown. The kids love it and we strongly encourage you to attend one. Even if you did not go to school at one of the Rome City schools, you are still welcomed to attend. A sign up list will be sent to each school so they will know how many students to expect and for security purposes. If you did not fill out the google sheet in wolfpack, you need to see Ms. Toombs in order to attend.

May 20th

North Heights/Main - 1:00 p.m.

West End - 1:30 p.m.

Elm Street - 1:30 p.m.

May 23rd

West Central - 9:30 a.m.

Anna K. Davie/Southeast - 10:30 a.m.

East Central - 1:00 p.m.